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Governor Beshear announces more than \$10 million in FAA grants for needed improvements at two Kentucky airports

Snow removal equipment, firefighting suits among projects funded

FRANKFORT, Ky. (**Sept. 6, 2012**) – Gov. Steve Beshear today announced more than \$10 million in grants from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for two Kentucky airports for needed improvements that include the purchasing of snow equipment and firefighting suits plus the reconstruction of taxiways and runway pavement.

"Across the Commonwealth, our airports are invaluable assets for economic development, commerce and passenger travel," Gov. Beshear said. "Keeping our airports safe and up to date is vital to our economy and quality of life, and FAA funding is indispensable for that purpose."

Here are the FAA grants, which total \$10,084,275:

- Louisville International-Standiford Field \$8,101,744 to acquire snow removal equipment including a snow plow and two dump trucks, extend a taxiway by 2,000 feet and reconstruct some existing pavement.
- Louisville International-Standiford Field \$1,907,531 to purchase firefighting suits, update the airport's pavement management program, reconstruct runway and taxiway pavement and conduct a study to make recommendations for infrastructure and operational improvements to accommodate aircraft.
- Lake Cumberland Regional Airport, Somerset \$75,000 to remove obstructions in a runway.

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